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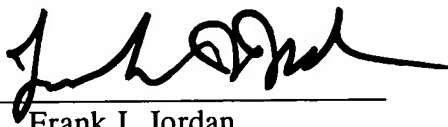
Claims 1-9 are now in this application where claims 1-2 are amended herein to clarify the subject matter of the invention and new claims 3-9 are added to further define the invention.

The specification and abstract have been amended to place the application into proper conformance with U.S. patent practice. All amendments to the specification conform with the drawing as filed and no new matter has been added.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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INNER HOUSING FOR ROTARY PISTON MACHINES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to ~~starts out from~~ a rotary piston machine ~~of the type of the main claim~~. The manufacture of rotary piston machines with power parts and shut-off parts with axes arranged at an angle to one another is known. For these, the rotors, at least one power part and one shut-off part occupy a spherical volume (DE 42 41 320 C2) or correspond to the volume of a spherical washer (198 37 729 A1).

However, such machines have the disadvantage that, especially when the overall dimensions become smaller, the gap losses between the regions in the interior of such machines, which are acted upon with different pressures and can be used as pumps or motors, increase and, due to methods such as the manufacture of components with lower tolerances, there is a disproportionate increase in the manufacturing costs for producing precise, meshing rotors and the associated housing, as a result of which the necessary expense for centering the rotors relative to one another increases exponentially and it is not possible to reduce these gap losses at economically justifiable costs.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In comparison with the above, the inventive rotary piston machine ~~with the distinguishing features of the main claim~~ has the advantage that, due to the arrangement of the inner housing, which can be shifted freely in the axial and radial directions, the inner housing is centered relative to the rotors, so that the dimensions of the gap between the components of the rotary piston machine, which can be moved relative to one another (power part, shut-off part, inner housing) and are arranged to form a seal, can be averaged, as a result of which the gap losses are reduced. This is achieved owing to the fact that the rotors, which have a spherical external shape and are centered, on the one hand, by a shaft, for example, the drive shaft of a motor (power part) that is flanged to the rotary piston machine and, on the other, the control head of the rotary piston machine (shut-off part), are surrounded by an inner housing with a spherical recess. With a cylindrical borehole, which goes over into the spherical recess, the inner housing freely movably takes up the rotor, the rotor being centered on the shank of the control head. The spherical recess is to accommodate the one rotor, which is disposed on shank and engages the other rotor, seated on the shank of the control head, at an axial angle. An opening in the spherical part of the inner housing permits the shaft, as well as the shank of the rotor (power

part) fastened thereon, to be passed through. In addition, the inner housing is prevented from backing away from the control head, for example, by a cone, which surrounds the shank of the rotor rotating with the shaft, and prevented from rotating along by a protection against torsion, which can be shifted freely

5 in the axial and radial directions, for example, by springs, which are disposed on the outside of the inner housing and engage recesses at the outer housing.

Pressure equalization between the inside and the outside of the inner housing is produced through openings over a portion of the periphery at the inner housing which, depending on the type of operation, function as an inlet or an outlet of

10 the conveying or driving fluid, so that the pressure between the inner housing and the housing is the same as that within the inner housing and that the pressure between the housing and the inner housing is higher than the static pressure in the gap between the outer circumferential surface of the rotors and of the inner surface of the inner housing during developing flow through the

15 gap, so that, by these means, an additional sealing action is achieved, in that the inner housing is pressed all around on the rotors by the resulting pressure forces.

In accordance with a further advantageous development of the invention, the rotors and the inner housing surrounding the rotors can be pressed against

one another in the axial direction, for example over an adjusting ring and a spring lock washer, so that the amount of fluid flowing through the gaps between the individual chambers formed by the rotors and between the rotor, lying in the spherical recess, and the inner housing, can additionally be reduced.

5 Further advantageous developments of the invention can be inferred from the following description of an example, the drawing and the claims.

An example of the invention is shown in the drawing and explained in greater detail in the following.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Accompanying the specification is a single figure illustrating a cross sectional view of a rotary piston machine according to one embodiment of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The rotors of a rotary piston machine, the shut-off part 2 and the power part 3, engage one another at an axial angle, so that chambers are formed between the shut-off part 2 and the power part 3. The chambers have ~~with~~ volumes variable over the angle of rotation for conveying fluids or gases.

5 With a borehole accommodating the shank 4 of the control head 5, the shut-off part 2 is disposed rotatably about the longitudinal axis of the ~~shaft~~ shank 4. On the side facing the shut-off part 2, the power part 3 has a central, spherical recess for accommodating the control head 5.

10 By means of an adjusting spring 6 and a shaft extension 7, the shank of the power part 3 is fastened on the shaft of a motor 8. The housing 10 is fastened to the motor 8 over a flange 9.

15 The two rotors (shut-off part 2 and power part 3), which are fixed in their position by the shank 4 of the control head 5 and the shaft of the motor 8, are surrounded by an inner housing 1. The inner housing 1, ~~which~~ can be shifted in the axial and radial directions and has a central borehole. The central borehole of the inner housing 1, ~~which~~ goes over into a spherical recess, for accommodating the rotors (shut-off part 2 and power part 3).

20 In order to prevent the inner housing 1 from rotating along, springs 11, which engage recesses 12 at the housing 10, are formed at the outside of the inner housing 1. The recesses 12 are disposed between an inner surface of the

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housing 10 and the outer surface of the inner housing 1. The recesses 12 and the springs 11 together define first structural and biasing means.

Above the shank of the power part 3, a cone 13 is disposed. The cone 13 defines second structural means for preventing, ~~which prevents~~ movement
5 of the inner housing 1 away from the control head 5.

The shut-off part 2, the power part 3 and the inner housing 1 are pressed against one another in an axial direction. The extent of the precessing is effected by adjusting rings 14 and a split washer 15. The adjusting rings 14 define second biasing means and the split washer 15 defines third biasing
10 means.

Due to the free displaceability of the inner housing 1 relative to the rotors 2 and 3, manufacturing tolerances of the sub-assembly as a whole, especially of the shut-off part 2 and the power part 3 are averaged. As and, as a result, gap flows are reduced.

15 The operating pressure of the rotary piston machine in the space between the housing 10 and the inner housing 1 is transferred through openings 16 into the inner housing 1. By these means, an additional force is produced, with which the inner housing 1 is pressed in the radial and axial directions against the shut-off part 2 and the power part 3.

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In order to prevent loss of conveying fluid from the housing 10, a mechanical seal 17 is disposed between the flange 9 and the shaft of the motor 8.

5 All the distinguishing features, given in the specification, the following claims and the drawing, may be essential to the invention individually as well as in any combination.

Abstract of the Disclosure

In a ~~The invention relates to the~~ rotary piston machine with an inner housing (1) and rotors (2, 3), the axes of the rotors ~~which~~ are disposed at an angle to one another in order to equalize manufacturing tolerances and to reduce gap losses of such machines.